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SENATE RESOLUTION 24

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Randy Kidd for  
meritorious service and bravery.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those persons who, through their personal endeavors, are credits to their country, respective families and communities, and to this state; and

WHEREAS, our country was conceived by individuals willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure this nation's greatness, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans have always been willing to selflessly put aside concerns of their own personal safety and comfort to help others in desperate need; and

WHEREAS, Randy Kidd is one such outstanding individual who has served his fellow man with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for heroism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd was a star athlete at the high school and collegiate levels, a crew chief for a race car driver, a part-time karate instructor, one of the best shooters at the Knox County Sheriff's Department, and is now known as a hero; and

WHEREAS, Randy was taking his son to the dentist at the University of Tennessee Medical Center when he saw three persons suspected of purse snatching jump into a car; and

WHEREAS, Randy Kidd chased the trio and held them at bay until the university and city police arrived; and

WHEREAS, the Morristown purse-snatchers were apprehended and charged with theft of a 69-year-old woman's purse, as she innocently sat in the lobby of the same building in which Randy and his son were entering; and

WHEREAS, for his gallant efforts and exemplary performance, the 15-year Sheriff's Department veteran was named Officer of the Month and received a coupon for one night's stay with his wife at Maplehurst Inn; and

WHEREAS, a truly humble man, Randy casually shrugs off his new hero status claiming, "I'm just me, Randy Kidd, and that's the way my momma and daddy raised me, to help others"; and

WHEREAS, amazingly, Randy was born missing the lower part of his right arm and overcame his handicap to go on to become a star athlete in baseball, football, wrestling, and track at Central High School, in addition to being a UT football player; and

WHEREAS, despite his busy schedule, Mr. Kidd finds the time to lend his incredible talents to the noteworthy cause of volunteering as a coach for youth recreational sports; and

WHEREAS, his benevolent nature knows no bounds as he has also been known to pay for children's equipment and recreational fees; and

WHEREAS, Randy Kidd exemplifies the spirit and dedication that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Mr.

Randy Kidd from Knox County for meritorious service and bravery and offer our thanks for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.